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The House met at 10 a.m.  
The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Breathe upon us, O God, the breath of life, speak to us in the depths of our hearts, look upon us with favor, hold us in Your strong arm and at the end of time, grant us Your peace that passes all human understanding. We place these petitions before You, gracious God, for You have been our help in ages past and You are our hope for years to come. As You have given us our very lives, so You give us the blessings that make each day possible and make each opportunity an occasion for serving others in their need. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California [Mrs. SEASTRAND] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. SEASTRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 740. An act to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims

with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

### TROUBLE IN IRAQ

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, the trouble in Iraq was in the north, so we shot missiles in the south, 27 the first day, 17 the next day, then 1. A missile a day is not going to keep Saddam away. We know that we must and we do support the President's military action. He is the Commander in Chief and in times of this type of international crisis, we must remain united as a people and as a Congress, reflecting the wishes of our people.

But, Mr. Speaker, we also need to have the White House explain fully the long range goals and targets of this military action so that the American people will know that they do not have to face the prospect of another missile attack or another reaction by Saddam or a reaction to that action by our Armed Forces. What is the overall final policy envisioned by the White House? We need to know that so that we can support it as Congress should, and so that the American people will know what to support.

### THE DOLE-GINGRICH TAX PLAN

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the folks who brought us the Government shutdown are back at it. Cut taxes on the rich, they say, and cut Medicare and student loans to pay for it. The Dole-Gingrich tax plan, some \$600 billion in tax breaks mostly for the rich, will mean ever bigger cuts in Medicare, ever bigger cuts in student loans, ever bigger cuts in environmental protection than the original Gingrich plan.

The Gingrich-Dole plan will mean fewer Medicare services and fewer student loans. The Gingrich-Dole plan will mean higher Medicare premiums, higher Medicare copayments, higher Medicare deductibles, and higher costs for middle-class students getting student loans.

The Dole-Gingrich plan will mean Medicare beneficiaries who are now paying about \$46 a month in premiums will see their premiums approaching \$100 a month.

Mr. Speaker, not cuts in Medicare and student loans to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy. It simply does not make sense.

### DEMOCRATS HOOKED ON SPENDING

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, the liberal Democrat leadership will be holding mock hearings today for the sole purpose of criticizing the Republican plan to cut taxes by 15 percent.

Liberal Democrats just can't stand the idea of Americans keeping what they earn. For some reason, they love big government; they love spending billions and trillions of hard-earned tax

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